

Suffolk County Board of Ethics

Minutes of Meeting Held on

March 26, 2014

Office of the Board of Ethics

335 Yaphank Avenue, Yaphank, New York 11980

Meeting: *Board Members present:* Robin Long, Linda Spahr, Richard Halverson, Dennis O'Doherty, and Heather Palmore. *Staff present:* Samantha Segal, Executive Director and Darlene Kurrass, Board Secretary, taking minutes.

Ascertainment of Quorum: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair, Robin Long. A roll call was conducted and a quorum was present. The Board welcomed Dennis O'Doherty to the Board.

Adoption of Agenda: A motion was made by Linda Spahr, seconded by Dennis O'Doherty, to adopt the agenda as amended to include the adoption of Adjudication by Mail Hearing Orders in Executive Session. Upon a vote being taken, motion was approved (5-0-0).

Adoption of Minutes: A motion was made by Robin Long, seconded by Richard Halverson, to adopt the minutes of the March 12, 2014 Board Meeting as amended. Upon a vote being taken, motion was approved (4-0-1) Abstained: Dennis O'Doherty.

Public Session: Robin Long opened Public Session. No members of the public were present and no written testimony was submitted. Robin Long closed public session.

Chair Report: The Suffolk County Legislature adopted Resolution No. 189-2014 reappointing Richard F. Halverson and Resolution No. 190-2014 reappointing Robin L. Long on March 18, 2014. The 2013 Annual Report has received positive feedback.

Executive Director Report: Samantha Segal commented on the positive feedback received regarding the 2013 Annual Report, discussed fine collection, the distribution of the annual Financial Disclosure Statement, and Board member compensation.

Executive Session: At 6:41 p.m. a motion was made by Richard Halverson, seconded by Robin Long to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing ongoing confidential matters pertaining to Financial Disclosure Statement (FDS) Adjudication by Mail Hearings, Adoption of Adjudication by Mail Orders of February 26, 2014, FDS Privacy Requests, and Advisory Opinions in accordance with the Suffolk County Administrative Code §A30-8 and the New York State Open Meetings Law. Upon a vote being taken, motion was approved (5-0-0).

During Executive Session: The Board conducted Adjudication by Mail Hearings and voted on: FDS# 507 (5-0-0), 407 (4-1-0) Opposed: Richard Halverson, 168 (5-0-0), 170 (5-0-0), 253 (5-0-0), and 488 (5-0-0).

A motion was made by Robin Long, seconded by Linda Spahr to adopt the Orders of the Adjudication by Mail Hearings of February 26, 2014 for FDS#: 138, 406, 405 and 161. Upon a vote being taken, motion was approved (3-0-2) Abstained: Dennis O'Doherty and Heather Palmore.

The Board voted on AO-2013-18 as amended (5-0-0), AO-2013-19 as amended (5-0-0), AO-2014-1 (5-0-0), and standing of AO-2014-2, (4-0-1) Robin Long recused (Recusal Number RL012014(2)) and left the room.

Robin Long returned to the room.

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The Board voted on privacy requests of ES#: 1-2014 (5-0-0), 2-2014 (5-0-0), 3-2014 (5-0-0), 4-2014 (5-0-0), 5-2014 (5-0-0), 6-2014 (5-0-0), 7-2014 (5-0-0), and 8-2014 (5-0-0).

At 8:10 p.m. a motion was made by Robin Long, seconded by Linda Spahr to close Executive Session. Upon a vote being taken, motion was approved (5-0-0).

New Business: None.

The next meeting of the Board will be held on April 9, 2014 at 9:30 a.m.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Robin Long, seconded by Heather Palmore to adjourn the meeting. Upon a vote being taken, motion was approved (5-0-0) (8:15 p.m.).